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DAMAGES ARE BEING DETERMINED

PROPERTY OWNERS GIVING TESTIMONY AS TO VALUATION

SOME VALUATIONS ARE TOO HIGH

County Court Hears of Damages Caused by the Building of Roads

Starting yesterday morning the County Court has been busy ever since listening to the property owners along the Columbia River Highway tell how much their lands are damaged by reason of the building of the road through. In a majority of the contests for rights of way the property owners put a very high valuation on their lands, in some instances running as high as One Thousand Dollars an acre. From that figure down to \$200 is placed as the amount of value of the land to be taken and used as a road.

After hearing all the testimony to be submitted by the property owners through whose premises the roads will pass, the County Court will determine just what would be a fair valuation to be placed on the land and the amount of damages the road will do to the land and make allowances for such amounts.

During the taking of testimony yesterday and today the Assessor has been an interested listener and it would not be surprising to have some of the property assessments raised a little for the assessment next year.

The hearing will continue every day until all claimants for damages have been heard. The case of the P. & S. Ry. Co. for damages for crossing its right of way with the county road will be heard next Tuesday morning.

THE 1915 HUDSON A FINE CAR

Mrs. W. W. Blakesley Receives Latest in an Automobile

Mrs. Walter Blakesley received her 1915 Hudson Six automobile from C. L. Boss & Co., the Portland agents, the first of the week and she and Walter have been very busy since in breaking it in. The 1915 Hudson appears to be the latest in everything that an automobile should have. It is not too heavy but at the same time is large and roomy. While the engine develops 40 horsepower, it is so noiseless that it can scarcely be heard. The car is equipped with electric headlights of great candle power, which by simply pressing a button can be dimmed to a candle power. The self-starter is simplicity itself. By simply pressing a small pedal, the engine will start. There are many other improvements and conveniences in the 1915 Hudson and the Blakesleys may well be proud of their automobile, which is certainly the classiest machine to reach St. Helens. The favorable impression the car has made will undoubtedly influence other prospective buyers to investigate the merits of the Hudson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

The Congregational Sunday School picnic will be held on Friday, August 28, on the sand bar near Columbia City. Basket lunch at the noon hour, games and a general good time will be the order of the day. Full details will be announced at services Sunday.

FREE LECTURE

A school house Monday night, August 24, by Prof. Griffith, noted Human Scientist of Portland. Subject, Child and Parent Culture. Valuable book given. Professor Griffith has the highest credentials of any public character reader. All welcome, come everybody. Free public examination at close of lecture.

GRAND MASTER VISITS ST. HELENS

Judge Wm. Galloway of Salem Delivers Interesting Address

LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Mrs. Galloway Accompanies Judge and Tells of the Work of the I. O. O. F. Home

Judge Wm. Galloway of Salem, visited St. Helens and Houlton Lodges I. O. O. F. last Monday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Galloway, who is one of the Trustees of the boys' and girls' home conducted by the I. O. O. F. lodges. After a short business session of the lodge the doors were thrown open to the Rebekahs and a few invited friends and Mrs. Galloway explained in a very interesting speech the methods of conducting the Home and gave details of the condition of everything connected with it. She was given the very closest attention for nearly an hour and her remarks were highly appreciated by the membership. Judge Galloway, the Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of Oregon, then spoke and for more than an hour made one of the greatest fraternal speeches ever made in St. Helens. He told of the great work of the Order and dwelt at length on the urgent need for fraternity just at the present time and pointed out where the Odd Fellows furnished the highest type of fraternity to its members and humanity. After his address the people repaired to the banquet hall where the boys had prepared refreshments.

Judge and Mrs. Galloway remained in St. Helens nearly all day Tuesday and were shown over the city. They visited the big mills, the ship yards and creosoting plant. They were much surprised at the great industrial activity of our little city. From here they went to Rainier and from there to Astoria and Seaside, returning to St. Helens this Friday evening and from here will go by auto to Hillsboro.

LONG HOURS FOR OREGON FARM LABORERS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—The farm laborers of Oregon work on an average of 9 hours and 44 minutes per day, according to a report which has just been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture. More than 27,000 laborers are employed on the farms of Oregon and the average monthly compensation is \$31.00 with board and \$44.50 if the laborer boards himself. These figures relate to the year 1913. The average wage for farm labor in Continental United States is \$13.85 per month with board and \$19.97 without board.

REV. O. S. BARNUM HERE.

The pulpit of the Plymouth Congregational Church will be occupied by the Rev. O. S. Barnum, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Ilwaco, Wash., Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Bible School, 10 a. m., Christian Endeavor Service, 7 p. m., Mid-week Service, Wednesday, 8 p. m.

A church home for friends and strangers.

BRASS BAND CARNIVAL NEXT WEEK

St. Helens Band Has Secured Amusement Co. to Hold Carnival

Starting next Wednesday the Fletcher Amusement Company will hold forth for about four days with amusements of every description. They will have Ferris Wheels, Merry-go-rounds and other popular forms of amusement for the children and the old folks. The carnival will be held on the school athletic grounds and under the auspices of the St. Helens Band. Full details will be found on the large posters which will be out in a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Felton and W. H. Herman returned Tuesday from a trip to Coos Bay points.

MAKE DEMAND ON THE COUNTY COURT

Delegation from Clatskanie and Rainier Demand More Money for Road

IF DEMAND IS REFUSED WILL RECALL COURT

Citizens Claim Promises Were Made by the Court Last Spring Which Would Give Them More Money. Court Says No Promises Made

When the County Court met last Saturday for the purpose of opening bids on the construction of a bridge across the Nehalem near Mist, they were met by a delegation of citizens from Clatskanie and Rainier who were here for the purpose of demanding more money on the road being constructed from Tide Creek to Clatsop County. Mr. A. L. Clark of Rainier opened up the discussion by calling attention of the Court to some promise that had been made some time last spring that there would be \$315,000 for use on the Columbia River Road and that he had been informed that now the amount available would be only \$260,000. Mr. Clark and others spoke along this line of argument, which they claimed was a broken promise on the part of the County Court and that unless the promise was kept and the full \$315,000 made available for the road, the recall election which had been threatened would surely proceed and that it would carry by a big majority. The

Court replied that they were using their best judgment in the expenditure of the funds and that if the people were satisfied with it and desired to recall them for using that judgment and doing the best they could with the public funds, the recall would have to come. So the delegation left here without having received the promise of the Court to do any more than they are doing and since that time the threat made in Court that the recall would proceed has been carried out and President Yount of the Good Roads Association has closed his place of business and is scouring the county in his Ford getting signatures to the recall petitions. The circulators claim they have already secured more than sufficient names to demand the recall but they are still busy getting more. So far we have been unable to learn whether the petitions will be filed or whether they will be used as means of argument to persuade the County Court to spend all the money on the roads from Tide Creek to Clatsop county.

A DELIGHTFUL PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Southard and Mrs. Florence Farnsworth entertained about forty guests at the Southard home on Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Myers of Cincinnati, sister of Rev. Frank Meyer.

The early part of the evening was given over to a program consisting of piano solos by Mrs. Bessie Peters, dialect recitations by Mrs. Lischer of Portland and Mr. A. B. Lake and songs by Mrs. Meyer.

The entire company then joined in a "community sing" after which refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The following toasts were responded to, Rev. Meyer acting as toastmaster:

"Woman of the Past," Prof. Baker

"Woman of the Present,"

"..... W. B. Dillard

"Woman of the Future," J. W. Allen

Heros of All Ages, Mrs. Baker

When My Ship Comes In,

..... Mr. Herbert White

Reminiscences of Old St. Helens,

..... Dr. Edwin Ross

"The Cup that Cheers, but Not Inebriates," Mrs. Edwin Ross

The house was decorated for the occasion with Mrs. Southard's famous collection of potted plants.

The guests declared this to be one of the most happy parties ever given in St. Helens.

GEORGE VAN ORSHOVEN.

A nuptial was celebrated last Monday morning at 8 o'clock in the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Helens, by Rev. Father Fisher of Seppoe when Miss Ada V. George became the bride of Mr. Louis J. Van Orshoven. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate family after which the party returned to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. George, where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served. At eleven o'clock the bridal party started for Portland where they visited until Thursday, when they returned to their home in this city. On Thursday evening the young friends of Mr. and Mrs. Van Orshoven tendered them a party in their new home on Columbia street.

The bride is very popular with the younger set of this city, where she has lived all her life. Mr. Van Orshoven is the County Surveyor of the county and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

TAPPING THE WALLIS SPRING

Large Spring of Pure Water Being Added to City Supply

Water Superintendent Lope has a crew of men at work tapping the Wallis Spring near the head works of the city water system. When this spring is tapped it is expected sufficient water will be added to the supply to avoid all danger of shortage. This spring was secured by the Water Commissioner for the city at the time the system was installed, and it now seems that it was the part of wisdom to get it. The water in this spring is the very best and purest spring water and is protected in such a way that it cannot be contaminated. It will add materially to the supply.

LAKE WOOLPERT NUPTIALS.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the presence of relatives and friends, Miss Claire E. Woolpert became the bride of Charles Edward Lake, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. G. Wright.

Rev. S. R. Hawkins read the service, and Miss Clara Westcott rendered Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The bride was charming in ivory white charmeuse and carried a bouquet of bride roses, with a shower of sweet peas. When she threw her bouquet it fell in two sections and was caught by Miss Grace Reeves and Miss Jean Tracy. The bride was unattended.

A lattice of pink climbing roses made an effective background for the bridal couple. Sweet peas, asters and ferns were tastefully arranged throughout the rooms. A buffet luncheon was served, after which the bride and bridegroom departed for a short trip to the coast.

Mr. Lake is a well known teacher of Columbia county, having been in charge of the eighth grade at the Warren Schools during the past year and having the same position for the coming year. The couple will make their home in St. Helens.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to our friends, whose willing hands and sympathetic hearts did so much during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. Annie Cox and Family.

COURT LETS CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE

Portland Contractors To Build Bridge Over the Nehalem Near Mist

COST WILL BE \$13,489.00

Five Bids Submitted by Various Persons and Firms; Figures Take Wide Range

Bids for building the bridge over the Nehalem river near Mist were opened by the County Court last Saturday afternoon at which time it was found that the bid of the Ambrose-Burdsall Co. was the lowest. There were five bids submitted, the lowest figures being \$13,489. The contractors will be required to furnish all material for the bridge and approaches. Other bids submitted were from C. R. Raynor, E. D. Olds, Pacific Bridge Co. and George H. Griffin.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING.

Columbia County Pomona Grange met with Cedar Grove Grange Aug. 8th, 1914, for its 45th Quarterly session. There were delegates from several of the granges in the county. Work was taken up at 11 o'clock and after roll call the granges gave their reports, and the Worthy Master appointed the committee for the day.

Recess was then taken and a bountiful dinner was served, such as the ladies of the granges are noted for.

At 2 P. M. Grange was called to order and the regular work was taken up and a very profitable and interesting afternoon was spent, many subjects that were of interest were discussed, and resolutions on the deaths of our brothers, William Deeds, Charles Miller and M. M. Franklin were read.

At the evening session 6 new members were added to our number, and a short programme was rendered.

An invitation from the Yankton grange to meet with them on Nov. 7th, 1914, was read and unanimously accepted.

Grange was closed with the hope that we all meet at Yankton in November.

EMMA TARBELL, Secretary.

ITEMS FROM LAKE SIDE STOCK FARM

Mrs. Grace Dobbins from Walla Walla, Wash., visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Frakes at the Lake Side Stock Farm near Seppoe. Mrs. Dobbins' three children, Warren, Lucille and Jane were with her.

Friday and Saturday of last week Mr. Sholtz threshed at the Frakes farm, 750 bushels of oats and wheat. The threshing season was the occasion for a family gathering, as 11 of them were present; Mrs. Dobbins and two daughters and McLaughlin being among the visitors.

P. A. Frakes had three very fine Holstein-Friesian heifers shipped from the east two weeks ago which will arrive in a few days.

TAXPAYERS MEETING.

The farmers and business men of Warren have revived their organization which was in existence during the spring and will hold meetings regularly from now on for the purpose of discussing public questions of concern to them. The next meeting will be held at Erickson's hall on next Tuesday evening at which time it is expected a large crowd will be in attendance and that questions of importance will be discussed.

Unclaimed Letters

Letters unclaimed at the St. Helens, Oregon, Postoffice for the week ending August 15th, 1914:

Mr. H. L. Brown.
Mrs. Anna Entone.
Mr. Ed Hadley.
Mrs. S. W. Johnson.
Robert McKie.

Letters unclaimed by August 29, 1914, will be sent to the Dead-Letter Office.

IVA E. DODD, P. M.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS AGAIN ACTIVE

WAR SCARE HAS APPARENTLY PASSED AS ORDERS COME IN

CANCELLED ORDERS RE-ORDERED

Alaskan Ship Will Arrive at St. Helens Next Week to Take Lumber Cargo for North

The tramp steamer The Queen Maud is loading a cargo of two and one-half million feet of creosoted ties for delivery in India. The steamer flies the English flag and when she sails will have to look out for some German warship. The cargo, however, would not be of much use to the Germans at the present time and the Captain does not seem to be uneasy about his safe arrival in India. There are about 60 longshoremen working on the steamer and she should finish loading Saturday night. It is understood she will proceed to Puget Sound to complete her cargo.

The flagship of the McCormick fleet, the steamer Klamath under command of Captain Edward Jahson arrived in port today. She will take a full cargo of lumber and piling and sail for San Francisco and Southern California ports on Tuesday night. The Klamath has a capacity of over a million feet of lumber and accommodations for 60 passengers.

The Steamer Yosemite with 900M feet of lumber and piling left out late last Saturday night bound for San Pedro. Her passenger list was about 40 persons.

The Steamer Willamette passed up river today. She has a cargo for Portland and as soon as this is discharged will come back to St. Helens for her lumber cargo.

One of the Alaska steamers is due to arrive here the first of the week for a large consignment of lumber for delivery at Juneau, Alaska. The Lumber Company think this is only the beginning of a large business which they hope to work up in Alaska, and believe that St. Helens will furnish her share of Oregon products for our far north neighbors. While the lumber company has taken the initiative in getting sales for their product, we think it would be a good idea for our local merchants to investigate the possibilities of this trade also, for when the last Alaska boat was here, stored on deck were a great amount of potatoes, apples and other farm products of which we have an abundance in and around St. Helens.

That the war scare so far as shipping on the Pacific Coast is concerned is subsiding to some extent is evident. The St. Helens Lumber Co. had an order for a cargo for China, which was to be shipped in on an English steamer, and when war between Germany and England was declared, the order for lumber was cancelled on account of the owners of the vessel cancelling the charter. The Lumber Company has now received orders to start cutting on this foreign cargo and the steamer will come here as originally intended.

The Schooner W. F. Jewitt left out today with 650,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro. This cargo was taken from the Columbia County mill.

The steamer Johan Poulsen took out a partial cargo of lumber from the Columbia County mill last week for San Francisco delivery.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 25 and 26, the Sunday School Workers of Columbia County will hold their annual convention in the Congregational church at Rainier. All schools please send delegates. Notify Mrs. A. L. Clark, Rainier, of number coming.

C. L. DARK, County Chairman.